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**\*TAP applications** should be completed either online or via paper before May 1.

\*Begin to **compare the financial aid packages** from the colleges you have been accepted to.  
**Remember:**  
**DO NOT MAKE A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO ANY COLLEGE UNTIL YOU COMPARE PRICE TAGS!**

**\*Are you all set for graduation???** See your counselor today to make sure!

# SENIOR PREP NEWS

Important news, dates, and tips regarding **YOUR** future

## WHAT NOW???



**SCHOLARSHIPS-** Remember it is your responsibility to do the research and apply for any and all scholarships you qualify for. Be aware of the various deadlines that are quickly approaching! Remember, there are thousands of dollars each year that go unclaimed because students do not apply for scholarships... every little bit helps!



**FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid-** ALL students should have completed and submitted the FAFSA by this point. REMEMBER. If you don't submit it, you will not get any money for college!!!



**TAP APPLICATION-** Once you have submitted your FAFSA application online, you should receive an email from HESC.org. This link will take you to [www.tapweb.org](http://www.tapweb.org) where you will be able to complete your TAP application online. The TAP application has only one college choice listed (usually the first New York school you listed on the FAFSA application). You will be able to update this school choice once you make your final decision. If you have questions regarding your TAP application, go to [www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org) or contact them directly at 1-866-431-4372.



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# \$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS \$\$\$



**Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)**- full & partial scholarships awarded to students of Hispanic heritage. Eligibility requirements: be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA form. Various scholarships available at <http://www.hsf.net/Scholarships.aspx?id=426> (Deadline dates vary depending on scholarship).

**Eagle Foundation Scholarship**- \$10,000 scholarships awarded for four years to recipients. Students must have a high school average of at least 85%, have a combined score of at least 1800 on the Math, Critical Reading & Writing sections of the SAT, and have been recognized for the leadership positions they have held at their high school and in their community. Students must require financial assistance in order to attend college. Applications are available online at <http://www.theeaglefoundation.com/application.php> . Application deadline April 1, 2010.

**Milton Fisher Scholarship**- \$5,000 scholarship per academic year for up to 4 years awarded to high school students who display evidence of innovative and creative problem solving. Applications available at [www.rbffoundation.org](http://www.rbffoundation.org) and are due before April 12, 2010.

**Kaye Scholars Program**- FULL Scholarship to students planning to attend City College- must be majoring in the Humanities and Arts (American Studies, Art, Asian Studies, Literature, English, Foreign Language, History, Jewish Studies, Media, Communication Arts, Music, Philosophy or Theater). Essay, two letters of recommendation, financial aid forms required. In addition to the regular application to City College, students must submit the general scholarship application, which is available at <http://www.ccny.cuny.edu/kaye/index.htm> . Once your scholarship application is submitted, you must notify by email the Kaye Scholars Office at [kayescholars@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:kayescholars@ccny.cuny.edu), so that your application can be tracked. Application deadline April 3, 2010

**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship**- \$7,500 scholarship awarded to minority students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited 4-year college or university of their choice. Students must have a minimum combined SAT score of 1000 on the math and critical reading sections. Applications available online at [http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/app\\_gen.php](http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/app_gen.php) . Application deadline March 15, 2010.

• **Financial Service Center of New York Rewarding Young Leaders in Our Community Program**- \$5,000 scholarships awarded to students who will return to their communities and contribute to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers. Students will be selected based upon leadership skills at school and in the community (contributing at least 150 valuable hours of volunteer service in each year of high school) and academic achievement. Applications available at <http://www.fscny.org/scholar.htm> and you must include a 250 word essay explaining your most rewarding experience through your community service involvement. Deadline March 26, 2010.



●**2010 Student View Scholarship Program**- \$4,000 scholarship awarded to seniors planning to attend a four-year college. No SAT, essay, or application required. Simply log on to [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com) and complete a 15-20 minute application survey about colleges in your area. Scholarship will be awarded randomly. Deadline April 22, 2010.

●**KFC Colonel's Scholarship**- \$20,000 awarded to high school seniors with entrepreneurial drive, strong perseverance and who demonstrate financial need. The program is about students' dreams and aspirations, and the perseverance to succeed. Students must apply online at <http://www.kfcscholars.org> Deadline February 10, 2010.

●**2010 YouthForce 2020 Scholarship/Internship**- \$8,000 scholarships awarded to students interested in pursuing a career in the building industry. Students must be accepted to an Engineering school program in Electrical, Mechanical, Civil Engineering, Construction Management or Architecture. Students must have a 80% or higher GPA, combined SAT score of 1600 or higher and complete a 350 word essay on "Why I want to pursue a career in the Building Industry". Application can be downloaded directly from <http://www.turnerconstruction.com/corporate/content.asp?d=3920> . Deadline May 3, 2010.

●**Random House Creative Writing Scholarship**- earn up to \$10,000 for your creative writing works!!! This competition is only available to NYC high school seniors! Download and application at <http://www.randomhouse.com/creativewriting> . Application deadline for graphic novels March 15, 2010.

●**Live Out Loud Scholarship**- \$2,500 scholarship awarded to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender youth. Winners selected based on personal interview, 2 letters of recommendation, community service involvement, financial need and future goals. Applications available online at <http://www.liveoutloud.info/index.html> Deadline March 8, 2010.

●**Time Warner Cable Scholarship Fund**- \$3,000 scholarship awarded to students based on academic record (3.2 GPA or higher), leadership, participation in school, community activities and goals. Parents MUST BE Time Warner customers!!! Applications available at <http://www.timewarnercable.com/nynj/about/community/scholarships.html> All materials must be received before April 1, 2010.

●**Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program**- \$10,000 scholarship awarded to students planning to attend a 4 year college or university. Students must be nominated by someone 21 years or older (this could be a teacher, parent, neighbor, etc. All applications must be completed before March 15, 2010. For more information or to complete an application and nomination form, go to <http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/kohls> All applications due March 15, 2010.

●**Rewarding Young Leaders in Our Community Scholarship**- \$4,000 scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement or improvement, leadership in their school, involvement in their community, contributing at least 30 valuable hours of volunteer service each year of high school. Essay required. Applications available from your college advisor or online at <http://www.fscny.org/scholar.htm> Deadline March 26, 2010..



# \$ New Scholarships \$

●**Student View Scholarship**- \$500-\$4,000 scholarships awarded to Seniors planning to attend College in the Fall, no other requirements necessary. Simply log on to [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com) and complete a 15-20 minute survey about colleges in your area. Scholarships are awarded via a random drawing of completed Survey applications. (Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010).

●**Financial Service Centers of NY Scholarship**- \$500-\$7,500 scholarships rewarding Young Leaders in Our Community. Students will be selected based upon leadership skills at school and in the community and academic achievement. Applications available at [www.FSCNY.org](http://www.FSCNY.org) (Deadline March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010).

●**Jo-Ann Own Your Look Prom Contest 2010**- \$50,000 (1<sup>st</sup> place ), \$10,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), \$5,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> place) scholarships awarded to a young person who creates their own prom outfit. Outfit must include a garment and an accessory and be made with fabric and other products from Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Stores. For more information, or to download an application, go to <http://www.joann.com/prompeople> (Deadline June 15, 2010).

●**Morris & Eve Brown Foundation Award** - \$2,000 scholarships awarded to seniors from the five boroughs who are demonstrating excellence and interest in the fields of language and/or literacy. Students should submit: copy of HS transcript; social security number; and letters of recommendation from English and/or Foreign Language teachers. Students may also submit a sample of their work for review. Submit all documents to: The Morris and Eve Brown Foundation, c/o Spada, Ardam & Sibener PLLC, 64 Smithtown Boulevard, Smithtown, NY 11787 (Deadline April 15, 2010).

●**Earl L. Estwick, Sr. Trailblazer Memorial Fund**- \$500 scholarship awarded to seniors for the purchase of textbooks. Students must have at least 2 years of *community service or participation in scouts or church activities*. More information can be found at [www.estwickscholarships.com](http://www.estwickscholarships.com) (Deadline April 10, 2010).

●**SAPA (Sino-American Pharmaceutical Association)**- \$1,000 scholarship awarded to seniors who are interested in careers in the Life Sciences. Awards are made on the basis of merit and students must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 and be in the top tenth of their class. For more information, go to <http://www.sapaweb.org/new/index.htm> (Deadline April 30, 2009).

●**FEEA Scholarship Program** - \$2,500 scholarship awarded to civilian federal employees or postal employees and their dependent family members (spouse/child). The applicant or the applicant's sponsoring federal employee must have at least three (3) years of civilian federal service by August 31, 2010. For more information and to download an application, go <http://www.feea.org> (Deadline March 26, 2010)



# ***Myself Third:***

## ***Spirit of New York***

### ***College Scholarship Program***

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**The Myself Third: Spirit of New York Scholarship competition is looking to reward exemplary high school seniors who play a significant role in strengthening their community and/or school through civic service and volunteerism.**

- ◆ **Multiple \$4,000 scholarships** to help with college tuition and related expenses
- ◆ **For CUNY- bound students** enrolling in either an associates or baccalaureate degree program at any of the 17 CUNY colleges

***To qualify for the Myself Third Scholarship, you must:***

- Have completed at least 50 hours of service in your community and/or school within 1 year of application. Service and volunteer experiences should be substantive, varied and not solely connected to high school community service requirements.
- Be a high school senior scheduled to graduate in June 2010
- Be enrolled in or have completed at least one **College Now** course or workshop
- Submit a completed application including a typed essay on civic service, letter(s) of recommendation and official academic transcript.
- If selected, be able to provide proof of Fall 2010 enrollment and commit to participating in at least one community service project during your freshman year.

### **APPLY BY MARCH 22, 2010**

**To learn more about this competition, please visit our website or to request an application, contact your College Now liaison or director**

**[www.collegenow.cuny.edu](http://www.collegenow.cuny.edu)**



The Myself Third: Spirit of New York Scholarship has been made possible through a generous gift provided by City College alumnus Robert Friedman. The scholarship program was established in 2002 in tribute to the idealism and spirit of those who participated in the rescue effort following the World Trade Center tragedy. The purpose of the program is to encourage and reward civic involvement of high school students.

# Richard and Mica Hadar Foundation

Richard & Mica Hadar Foundation, established in 1993, is committed to providing college scholarships to high school students who demonstrate talent in the creative arts. By providing scholarships and a mentoring program, the foundation supports young art scholars who might not otherwise be able to attend college. The amount of the scholarship varies depending on the financial assistance needed.

You must speak to your guidance counselor or a teacher to officially nominate you. The criteria for selection are:

- **FINANCIAL NEED:** Financial need is necessary and refers to students who do not have the satisfactory means to attend college. We are unable to consider students who do not meet this criterion. Please call us with any questions about financial aid at 917 859 4675.
- **ACCEPTANCE TO A COLLEGE OR DEFINITIVE PLANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE:** We provide the scholarship for high school seniors who will use it for college tuition.
- **DEMONSTRATED TALENT IN EITHER THE PERFORMING, LITERARY, OR THE VISUAL ARTS:** We ask students not submit samples of work with the application. The only students we ask to submit a sample are writers (a sample of writing up to 10 pages).

**See your College Advisor today  
and pick up both the CANIDATE & NOMINATOR forms.**

**Deadline for all materials is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010- No exceptions!**

If you have any questions, contact 917 859 4675.

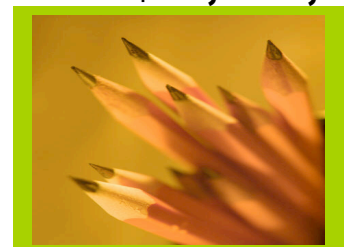
## THE RANDOM HOUSE *Creative Writing Competition* **For NYC Public High School Seniors**

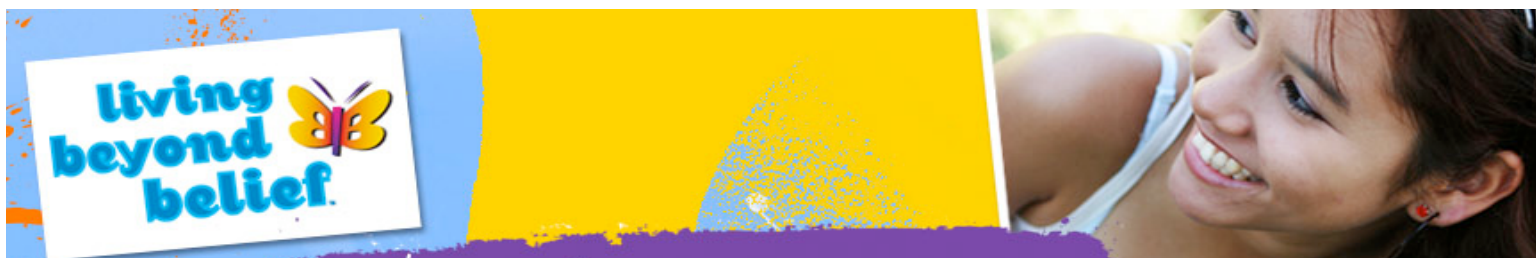
**Enter your original graphic novel for a chance to win a \$10,000 ,  
\$5,000 or a \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP!**

For more information call 1-888-369-3434 or go to

[www.worldofexpression.org](http://www.worldofexpression.org)

**Deadline March 15, 2010**





# Living Beyond Belief Butterfly Grant

Grant applications must be submitted online by **March 19, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. EST** or the **paper application postmarked on or before March 19, 2010**.

## Prospective Grantees

The Butterfly Grant, established in 2003, was created to carry on the legacy of Wayne Fischer, a heroic and indefatigable teacher at Martin Luther King High School from 1988-1993. Wayne Fischer was the first NYC teacher to go public with his HIV-positive status. Wayne spoke out courageously to educate youth about HIV/AIDS through student workshops and media presentations, most notably in articles in *New York Newsday* and on his weekly NY1 cable segment *AIDS: A Journal of Hope*.

## The goal of the LBB Butterfly Grant is to:

- Foster HIV/AIDS prevention education in NYC
- Raise HIV/AIDS awareness among youth
- Motivate NYC public high school students to be HIV/AIDS peer educators, activists and advocates.

## The Butterfly Grant Provides:

- College educational grants in the minimum amount of \$1000 to 5 NYC Public High School Seniors
- Recognition to NYC High School students for their life-saving work
- Leadership development training with distinctive personal and professional growth opportunities

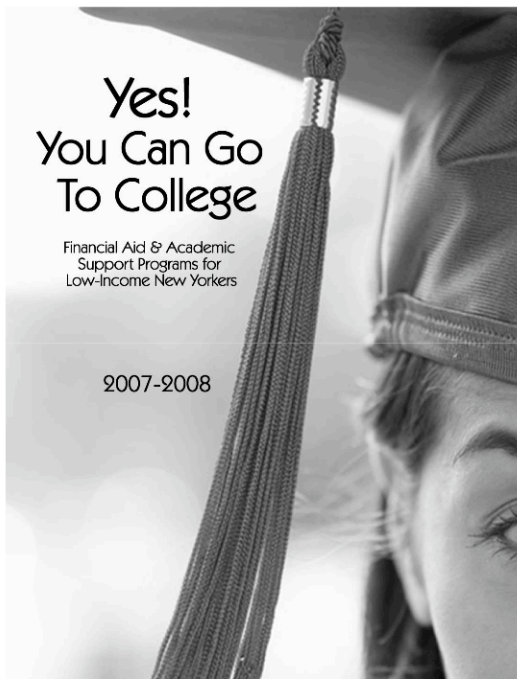
## Are You Eligible?

Students are eligible to be considered for the 2010 Butterfly Grant if they:

- Are currently enrolled as a senior at a NYC Public High School
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in HIV/AIDS related community service, extracurricular, or other activities.
- Will be enrolled for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in the fall of 2010
- Willing to commit 15 hours to Leadership Development Training during June-August 2010 in NYC.
- Have completed and submitted all 3 required forms (Application Form, 1 Teacher or Adult Advisor Reference Letter, and 1 Peer or Community Member Reference)

**<http://www.livingbeyondbelief.org/aboutgrant.html>**

For more information or if you have questions, please call (212)459-3534



**A great resource about FINANCIAL AID & ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS for Low-Income New Yorkers**

**Check out this AMAZING GUIDE at:**

**<http://www.lizkrueger.com/opportunityguide.pdf>**

**Don't miss out on this GREAT INFORMATION!!!**

# **TAP Application Info**

**ONLINE:** Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you apply using FAFSA-on-the-Web, you will be able to link to your online TAP application at the end of the FAFSA session. First, you will be asked to establish a PIN (Personal Identification Number) for TAP. You will need this to apply later, keep track of your application information, or make changes, as needed. After establishing your PIN, you will be able to complete your TAP application on-line. Information from your FAFSA and your family's calculated NYS net taxable income will be pre-printed on your TAP-on-the-Web application. Go to [www.tapweb.org](http://www.tapweb.org) to complete your online TAP application.

Check over the information **VERY CAREFULLY** to make sure all the info is correct. The TAP application only has **ONE** college listed (usually the first New York school you listed on the FAFSA form). You are not required to go to that school - the idea is to simply submit the form and get it in **ASAP** to get the free money from New York State! Once you select your final college choice, you will be able to update your TAP form.

**If you have questions regarding your TAP application, go to [www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org) or contact them directly at 1-888-431-4372.**

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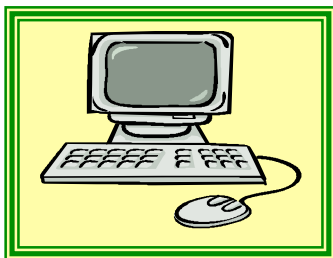


## **\*ON-LINE TIP\***

There are so many usernames and passwords to remember with your email, FAFSA, TAP, Fastweb.com, etc.

KEEP IT SIMPLE!!! Use the same username and password for all of your online work. This will make it much easier to remember!

Also, write down your username and password in a safe place (Keep it in your planner, your wallet, or on your refrigerator at home...anywhere safe where you can find it)!



## **COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES...**

### **YOU MUST SUBMIT**

**A NCAA Initial**

**Eligibility Clearinghouse Application**

If you are planning to participate in sports in college you are **REQUIRED** to submit this form!

Fee Waivers are available from your College Advisor if you qualify

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**

**[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)**

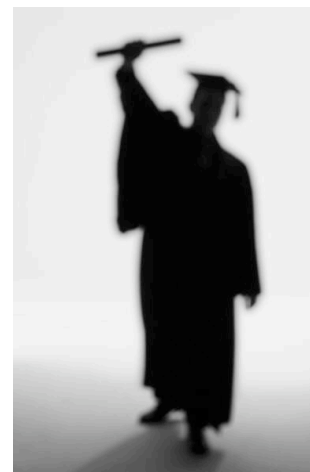


## **First in the Family** ADVICE ABOUT COLLEGE

**Believe in your right to college.  
Get the knowledge you need to get there!**

For more information, go to

**<http://www.firstinthefamily.org/index.html>**



## **Did you apply to a CUNY campus?**

**Check the status of your application by simply calling the automated system at (212)997-2869 or check online at [www.cuny.edu/status](http://www.cuny.edu/status) .**

\*You will be asked for your social security number to access the system.



Applying for financial aid? Let the financial aid professionals at SUNY campuses make it easier for you. **SUNY's Financial Aid Workshops** are offered as a service to all prospective college students and their families and is designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available and the award process.

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 6:00PM**

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:00PM**

**Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 7:00PM**

(each session lasts about 1 ½ hours)

Hosted by the Metropolitan Recruitment Center  
SUNY State College of Optometry-Lower Mezzanine  
33 West 42nd St. - New York, NY 10036

Register online at [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents)  
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\***NO** Legal Residency Required

\***NO** U. S. Citizenship Required





*The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York, Inc.*

# **C. Melvin Patrick Careers Conference**

## ***The Career is yours with a Future State of Mind***



**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

**9:30AM to 3:30PM**

**At Boys and Girls High School**

Online Pre-Registration at

**WWW.CAREERSCONFERENCE.COM**

For more information or to pre-register  
by phone call: (718) 636-8675

Boys and Girls High School is located at  
1700 Fulton Street  
Brooklyn, NY

Directions by Train: A or C to Utica Avenue

Directions by Bus: B25 to Schenectady Ave  
or B46 to Fulton Street

### **You will receive Information about:**

- College Entrance
- College Degree Funding
- Music & Entertainment
- Law & Law Enforcement Careers
- Information Technology Careers
- Medical Careers
- Various Trade Careers
- Civil Servant Careers
- Summer Employment

***College Fair***  
*Representatives from  
various colleges and  
universities will be  
on-site*



**Summer  
Jobs  
Information**

**Parents Are Welcome**

**Free To All**

Applications for the Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater New York  
Scholarship Fund Will be Available for Graduating High School Seniors



# Smithsonian Latino Center Young Ambassador Program

The Smithsonian Latino Center's Young Ambassadors Program fosters the next generation of young Latino leaders in the fields of arts and culture. Twenty graduating seniors will be selected.

The goal of the project is to foster knowledge and pride in Latino cultural identity, as well as provide the participants with financial support with which to seek higher education. Through the program, we empower Latino youth to develop leadership and academic skills. The program consists of two components:

- 1) A one-week all expenses paid seminar at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC
- 2) A paid internship at a premier museum or cultural organization in your local community

Participants will have the opportunity to gain practical skills and experience in the cultural field and, most importantly, they will be presented with a hands-on real-life opportunity to promote and educate audiences on Latino culture. ***Upon completion of the program, students will receive a \$2,000 stipend.***

For further information and to download an application, go to

[www.latino.si.edu/programs/youngambassadors.htm](http://www.latino.si.edu/programs/youngambassadors.htm)



**Application deadline  
is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS

### What to do now?



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